



Asian Pacific Center for Security Studies

History of the Asian Pacific Center for Security Studies

On September 30, 1994, President Clinton signed H.R. 4650, which included \$3 million for the start-up of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, patterned after the European Center for Security Studies (the Marshall Center).

The Center officially opened on September 4, 1995, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by the Honorable William J. Perry, then-Secretary of Defense and General John M. Shalikashvili, then Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff. Also, ninety attendees from thirty-three countries participated, including several ministers of defense and key international representatives.

The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) is a Department of Defense academic institute that addresses regional and global security issues using a multilateral and multi-dimensional approach to defining and addressing regional security issues and concerns. Established in Honolulu on Sept. 4, 1995, the most beneficial result is building relationships of trust and confidence among future leaders and decision-makers within the region.

The Center was created to build on the strong bilateral relationships between the U.S. Pacific Command and the armed forces of the nations in the Asia-Pacific region, by focusing on the broader multilateral approach to addressing regional security issues and concerns.

The Official Seal of the Asian Pacific Center for Security Studies

The Lamp of Knowledge represents the academic focus of the center and signifies the desire to foster understanding, cooperation and the study of regional security issues. The laurel branches form a Wreath of Peace that emphasize the Center's non-warfighting approach to addressing regional security issues. The visible portion of the world globe depicts the U.S. Pacific Command's area of responsibility. The continuous ribbon symbolizes the strong interrelationship among the six geographic regions of the Asia-Pacific theater. (The Seal was created by Dr. Jimmie R. Lackey, who was then an Army colonel, and now the Center's executive director.)

The Asian Pacific Center for Security Studies Mission

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The center has a strong focus on executive education via both resident and regional events. These academic events include resident courses and outreach events including mini-courses, conferences and research. They are intertwined to produce a dynamic, integrated program of study, conferences and research to support the center's mission.

The APCSS has set as a top priority to provide professional and personal relationships to the students by being:

- Adaptive, innovative and flexible
- Asking why not?
- Keeping up to date using state-of-the-art in use of technology and methods
- Focused on most important and emerging security challenges
- Promoting prevention of conflicts and peaceful resolution of dispute
- Seeking long-term and near-term returns on investment
- Committed to teaming regionally and globally

Our Vision

The Asian Pacific Center for Security Studies adds unique value as a:

- Venue of choice for security-cooperation education
- Trusted strategic communications facilitator
- Sought-after security-challenge counselor catalyst for capacity-building (e.g., leader, interagency);
- Foundation for communities of influence

The Asian Pacific Center Offers Four Security Oriented Courses

The one-week Senior Executive Course (SEC) is an intensive program for current leaders. It is designed for military officers at the two-and three star level, and civilian equivalents from the Asia-Pacific Region. The curriculum emphasizes the impact of change in the region and evolving security roles, capabilities, and opportunities. The six-week Executive Course (EC) focus is on building relationships among mid-career leaders and decision makers within the region. Its curriculum emphasizes the non-warfighting aspects of security and international relations, and challenges fellows to develop regional and transnational perspectives. Security is examined as a comprehensive mix of political, economic, social, military, diplomatic, information and ecological dimensions.

The two-week Junior Executive Course (JEC) is designed to provide mid-grade Asia-Pacific specialists with graduate-level instruction on trends and current issues shaping the Asia-Pacific security environment. The course focuses on U.S. security policy and provides an introduction to culture, politics, protocols and challenges of key countries in the region.

The three-week Comprehensive Security Responses to Terrorism (CSRT) Course provides focused knowledge and skills practiced at the operational and strategic level, all designed to enhance Fellows ability to work together to counter ideological support for and combat terrorism cooperatively for the long term. The course facilitates relationships among current and future counter-terrorism practitioners. It also helps engender trust necessary for increased information sharing, and identify ways to reduce cultural obstacles to cooperation in the international struggle against terrorism.

The three-week Stability, Security, Transition, and Reconstruction (SSTR) operations and activities course focuses on three broad topic areas:

- Pre-conflict/complex emergency condition setting
- Post-conflict/complex emergency transitions
- Post-conflict/complex emergency reconstruction

In addition, the course also addresses the following basic definitions and types of stability operations.

- Coalition building,
- Interagency coordination
- Interventions and occupations
- Post-conflict and complex emergency reconstruction steps
- Transition planning
- Strategic communications

The following are a list of facts of accomplishments since the official opening of the school on September 4, 1995.

College of Security Studies Executive Course.

- Completed 28 classes
- Included 1833 fellows from forty-five countries
- Included 165 general officers and senior civilians
 - Course participants included the following:
 - Future leaders and practitioners
 - Lieutenant Colonels, Colonels, Brigadier Generals and civilian equivalent
 - Held classes of 80/20 mix of international and U.S. students
 - Held classes of 60/40 mix of military and civilian students

Senior Executive Course. Transnational security cooperation

- Completed 13 Courses
- Included 249 Fellows from thirty-one countries
 - Course participants:
 - Current leaders and practitioners
 - General officer and vice-ministerial level
 - 90/10 mix of international and U.S. students
 - 60/40 mix of military and civilian students

Junior Executive Course (JEC) first course held in October 2004. Asia-Pacific Security Foundations

- Completed 5 Courses
- Included 100 Fellows from four countries
 - Course participants:
 - Included mid level Asia-Pacific specialists
 - Senior Lieutenants and Captains
 - Held classes of 10/90 mix of international and U.S. students
 - Held classes of 85/15 mix of military and civilian students

Comprehensive Security Response to Terrorism (CSRT), first class held in April 2004.

- Completed 5 courses
- 272 Fellows from 44 countries
 - Course Participants
 - MAJ/LTC/COL/civilian equivalent
- 80/20 Mix of international and U.S.
- 60/40 Mix of military and civilian

Alumni associations has participants from the following countries:

- Bangladesh
- Philippines
- Mongolia
- Madagascar
- Thailand

Alumni already occupying senior positions within their country:

- Minister of Defense (3)
- Minister of Foreign Affairs (3)
- Chief or Deputy Chief of Defense (14)
- Ambassador (32)
- Chief or Deputy Chief of Service (18)
- Cabinet or Parliament appointment (12)

Asian Pacific Center for Security Studies Total Alumni = 2,473.

The Asian Pacific Center has held 107 conferences since June of 1995. The total attendees of the conferences since 1995 equals 6,700 from 66 countries.